Vadakkekara Village Union.

237. ✱MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the bye-laws of the Vadakkekara Village Union have been submitted to Government for their approval and the date of its submission; and

(*b*) the action taken on the same?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes. 5th June 1942.

(*b*) The bye-laws have been approved and arranged to be published in the Gazette.

State Transport Buses.

238. ✱ MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Transport buses running at present in the Trivandrum-Nagercoil, Trivandrum-Quilon and Trivandrum-Kottayam lines, respectively; and

(*b*) the number of buses in each of these lines which are run on charcoal gas and on petrol, respectively?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

(*a*)	Trivandrum—Nagercoil		23
	Do, —Quilon		10
	Do. —Kottayam		19
(*b*)	Trivandrum—Nagercoil	Petrol	1
		Charcoal Gas	19
	Trivandrum—Quilon	Petrol	6
		Charcoal Gas	4
	Trivandrum—Kottayam	Petrol	18
		Charcoal Gas	1

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: The total number of buses running in the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line is stated to be 23 of which one bus is run by petrol, and 19 on charcoal gas. May I know from the honourable member how the remaining buses are run?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Diesel oil.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Director of Transport how he reconciles his answer to question No. 204 with his answer to question No. 238?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The honourable member appears to be unaware of the fact that the Transport Department operates more routes than those enumerated in the question. The remaining vehicles are operated in South Travancore.

New City Bus Services.

239. ✱MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Transport has received any representation to start bus services to the new Girls' High Schools at Barton Hill and Manacaud, for the convenience of students going there from the centre of the City near the Public Offices?

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MR. E. G. SALTER : Yes.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know from the member what has become of those representations ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Service for the benefit of the School girls attending the High School at Manacaud is already in operation. Service for the girls attending the Barton Hill School will be introduced immediately. Arrangements have been made to make the road suitable for bus operation.

Appointments as Accountants.

240. * MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Public Service Commissioner has invited applications for appointments as Accountants on Rs. 25-40 and made selections from among such applicants ;

(*b*) if so, the number of persons so selected ;

(*c*) the date of selection ; and

(*d*) the number of persons appointed till now from among the persons so selected ?

MR. S. N. URE : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) 11th January 1937.

(*d*) Two.

Protection of Backward Communities.

241. * MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of the members of the backward communities afforded protection by Government in 1116 and its percentage to the total population of the State ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : The question being vague, no answer can be given.

Buses in the Quilon-Trivandrum line.

242 * MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of Transport buses plying per day in the Quilon-Trivandrum line at present ;

(*b*) the number of buses which used to ply per day in the above line before the 1st Chingom 1117 ;

(*c*) whether the buses in the above line are starting from their respective garages precisely at the appointed time as per announcement of the Director of Transport ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) 10.

(*b*) 8.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Does not arise.

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